

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The average particle diameter (nm) (~~μm~~) was determined by means of NICOMP 370 (manufactured by Nozaki & Co., Ltd.) according to a photon correlation method within a week after preparing the inks.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After leaving standing at room temperature for six months after preparing the inks, the particle diameter (nm) (~~μm~~) was determined by the same method as used in measuring the initial particle diameter.

Please replace Table 2 on page 22, with the following rewritten Table 2:

Table 2

	Example			
	5	6	7	8
<u>Dispersion step</u>				
Naphthol red *2	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Phosphoric acid ester *3			0.5	
Styrene-maleic acid 30% aqueous solution	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Aminomethylpropanol	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Propylene glycol	5.0	5.0	5.0	
Glycerin				5.0
Water	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8
<u>Ink-preparing step</u>				
Phosphoric acid ester *3	0.5	0.5		0.5
Aminomethylpropanol	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Propylene glycol	15.0	15.0	15.0	
Glycerin				15.0
Water	30.0	26.0	30.0	28.0
Rust preventive and fungicide	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
<u>Thickening</u>				
Associative thickener 10% aqueous solution *4				6.0
Associative thickener 10% aqueous solution *5	4.0	8.0	4.0	
<u>Test items</u>				
Pigment initial particle diameter (μm) (nm)	95	115	121	107
Pigment particle diameter after 6 months (μm) (nm)	97	115	120	108
Viscosity of ink (mPa·s)	218	405	383	211
Ink-seeping resistance	○	○	○	○
Writing property	○	○	○	○

